



## **Some Important Reminders—Route 50, Gum Spring, Transit Services**

### **Route 50 Construction Update Meeting Tomorrow**

The Route 50 construction project will be the primary focus of my next quarterly Dulles Direct Town Hall meeting tomorrow - **Thursday, June 12 at 7 pm**. The meeting will be held at Freedom High School in South Riding.

I've spoken to VDOT and Shirley in preparation for this meeting and I think it will be very useful—there is a lot of new information that will come forward.

I'll also provide updates on other topics and be available to answer questions. There has been quite a bit of discussion about Riding Center Drive in the last few weeks and I've made the VDOT representation that will be at the meeting aware of those concerns as well.

### **Gum Spring Road Configuration Change (Again)**

The Gum Spring/Tall Cedars project is proceeding. The next step is to work on the southbound portion at the intersection. Beginning on June 16, Gum Spring Road will be reduced to one lane southbound for approximately one week. This work is necessary in order to connect Tall Cedars Parkway to the new Gum Spring Road. There could be some delays heading southbound on Gum Spring during this time. While the work itself will not occur during rush hour, the closure will be in place.

### **Transit Service Survey for Dulles South Residents**

Loudoun County, as directed by the Board of Supervisors, is in the process of assessing the need for additional transit services in the County and needs your input.

Last week postcards providing the link to an on-line survey were mailed to approximately 22,000 households in the Dulles South area. Each postcard provides the website and individualized password to access the survey. Please refer to the card for instructions.

The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete and will be available through today, June 11, but possibly longer. If you make any trips in and around the County and received a postcard in the mail, please take a moment to complete the survey. If you have misplaced your card you can contact my office for login information - 703-771-5069 or [matt.letourneau@loudoun.gov](mailto:matt.letourneau@loudoun.gov).

The purpose of the survey is to determine interest in the potential new local bus route to serve Dulles South. The County will use the responses to figure out exactly where transit routes should go and what the needs of the community are.

Earlier this year, I obtained a placeholder in the County's service plan for a new Dulles South route. This survey process will play a valuable role in determining exactly what that service will look like.

### **Dulles South Public Safety Day to Be Held June 14th at Dulles South Multi-Purpose Complex**

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office along with the Loudoun County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management invite residents to attend the 7th annual Dulles South Public Safety Day.

The Dulles South Public Safety Day will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014, from 11AM to 2PM. This year's event will be hosted by Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services **at the Dulles South Multi-Purpose Center located at 24950 Riding Center Drive in Chantilly, VA.** It will NOT be at the Public Safety Center due to construction next door.

Loudoun County residents are encouraged to attend and meet Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman and Fire-Rescue personnel and view various displays from law enforcement and fire-rescue.

Some of the highlighted activities and displays include:

- Fire and life safety trailer demo's to include home escape planning and potential hazards in the home
- "Put a finger On It" smoke alarm program informational center. Get current smoke alarm information and schedule a free home safety inspection to see if your home is protected
- Moon bounce!
- Large incident command bus from fire department, open for tours and demonstrations.
- Loudoun Hazardous Material Response Team
- Gaming and Fisheries informational booth and display
- Various Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Patrol and Operational Support Division interactive resources that highlight public safety

Light refreshments will be provided.

### **Dulles South Food Pantry Opens Next Week**

The Dulles South Food Pantry will have its grand opening on Wednesday, June 18 from 5 to 8 pm at the old chapel on the campus of Arcola United Methodist Church. The church is located at 24757 Evergreen Mills Road.

The Dulles South Food Pantry is a new effort to create our own local food bank. Loudoun County Public Schools reports that approximately 759 school-aged children within the Freedom and John Champe high school clusters are currently living in economically disadvantaged households—so our immediate area is not immune to these issues. There has been a great group of volunteers working to make this food pantry a reality, and I hope the community will step up and support them. Many local churches and civic groups are involved.

Visit [www.DSFP.org](http://www.DSFP.org) for more details.